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SUBJ: PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT TO SWITZERLAND MAY 9

REF: GENEVA 3259

1. THE PRESIDENT WILL MEET THE FOLLOWING SWISS
OFFICIALS:

A. PRESIDENT OF THE SWISS CONFEDERATION RPT
CONFEDERATION KURT FURGLER. CURRENT BIO IS AVAILABLE
IN DEPT.

B. FEDERAL COUNCILOR (AND FOREIGN
MINISTER) PIERRE GRABER. CURRENT BIO IS AVAILABLE
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C. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL PAUL GOTTRET. CURRENT
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BIO AVAILABLE IN DEPT.

D. SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE POLITICAL DEPT
(FOREIGN MINISTRY) ALBERT WEITNAUER. CURRENT BIO
AVAILABLE IN DEPT.

E. SWISS AMB TO UN AGENCIES IN GENEVA

OLIVIER EXCHAQUET. CURRENT BIO AVAILABLE IN DEPT.

2. PRESIDENT WILL MEET FOLLOWING OFFICIALS OF
CANTON AND CITY OF GENEVA:

A. PRESIDENT OF STATE COUNCIL, GENEVA,
HENRI SCHMITT.

B. MAYOR OF GENEVA, RENE EMMENEGGER.

C. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, GENEVA, ROBERT VIEUX.
BIO INFO ON ABOVE THREE OFFICIALS FOLLOWS IN SEPTTEL.

3. PRESIDENT WILL MEET FOLLOWING OFFICIALS OF
INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL:

A. PRESIDENT OF INTERCONTINENTAL HOTELS FOR
EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST, AND AFRICA, PETER C. BALAS.
BALAS IS US CITIZEN, BORN 46 YEARS AGO IN CHICAGO.
HE SERVED IN THE MARINE CORPS IN KOREA AND HAS
WORKED FOR INTERCONTINENTAL HOTELS FOR 20 YEARS.
ASSIGNED TO PARIS FOR THE LAST 7 YEARS, HE HAS
HAD RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPENING NEW HOTELS IN THE
MIDDLE EAST AND HAS NEGOTIATED MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS
FOR INTERCONTINENTAL HOTELS IN EASTERN EUROPE. FLUENT
IN ENGLISH, FRENCH, AND GERMAN.

B. GENERAL MANAGER, INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL,
MR GEORGE DESBAILLETS. DESBAILLETS IS 63 YEARS
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OLD, BORN IN GENEVA ON OCT 5, 1913. A
DESCENDANT OF ONE OF GENEVA'S OLDEST FAMILIES, HIS
FATHER WAS LORD MAYOR OF GENEVA ABOUT 30 YEARS AGO.
HE HAS SERVED AS GENERAL MANAGER OF GENEVA INTER-
CONTINENTAL FOR 9 YERAS. PRIOR TO THAT HE MANAGED
THE ISTANBUL HILTON AND AMSTERDAM HILTON. HE TRAVELS
FREQUENTLY TO US: HIS LAST TRIP WAS IN 1976 TO
ATTEND AMERICAN SOCIETY OF TRAVEL ASSOCIATIONS
CONVENTION IN NEW ORLEANS. HE IS FLUENT IN
ENGLISH, FRENCH, AND GERMAN.

C. ASSISTANT GENERALMANAGER, INTERCONTINENTAL
HOTEL, MR HERBERT SCHOTT. SCHOTT IS 35 YEARS OLD
AND WAS BORN IN COLOGNE, GERMANY ON DEC 2, 1941.
A GERMAN CITIZEN, HE HAS SPENT HIS ENTIRE PROFESSIONAL
CAREER WITH THE GENEVA INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL. LAST
VISITED US IN 1972 TO ATTEND SIX WEEK COURSE AT THE
SCHOOL OF HOTEL ADMINISTRATION AT CORNELL UNIV,
ITHACA, NEW YORK. FLUENT IN ENGLISH, FRENCH, GERMAN,

ITALIAN, AND SPANISH.

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